

# Perspective

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## Attorney Bob Burke will speak about "Oklahoma's Story Through Its People" at the May 13, 2013 Luncheon

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Jack David Armold, Ph.D., Program Chairperson

In his ASP luncheon address, Burke will cover the lives and contributions of a number of individuals throughout the State of Oklahoma, including the late Justice Marian Opala, Aviator Wiley Post, and Governor David Boren.



Since I had minored in United States intellectual history in my Ph.D. studies between 1955 and 1959 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I read with intensive interest and abundant admiration the following lead sentence recorded in our luncheon speaker's *Brief Biography*, "Bob Burke has written more historical non-fiction books (111) than anyone else in history."

All his books are about Oklahoma's incredible history. Three of them have won the Oklahoma Book Award, and three have been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. As the ASP Program Chairperson, I look forward to hosting and congratulating Burke on these remarkable achievements.

Burke was born in Broken Bow, Oklahoma and graduated with a journalism degree from the University of Oklahoma and a law degree from Oklahoma City University. He was Secretary of Commerce in the administration of Governor David Boren and managed Boren's first campaign for the United States Senate in 1978.

Burke's community service is extensive. He has served on numerous governing boards in Oklahoma

including the Historical Society, the Foundation for Excellence, the Oklahoma Heritage Association, and presidential committees at Oklahoma City University and at the University of Oklahoma where he is an adjunct professor in the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. He is a member of the Chesapeake Center Oversight Committee, advising the mayor and the city council of Oklahoma City in regard to the renovation of the Center and the construction of the new National Basketball Association (NBA) practice facility.

He has won awards from Oklahoma City University, the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma, and was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Oklahoma Center for the Book. In 2011, he received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Oklahoma City University.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, and the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame.

He is married to the former Chimene Henson and is the father of Robert, Amy, and Cody, stepfather to Natalie, Lauren, and Calli, and has six grandchildren. Burke's guest will be his editor of 20 years, Gini Moore Campbell, Director of Publications and Education for the Oklahoma Heritage Association and Gaylord-Pickens Museum.

Important luncheon reservation information: All members and guests should make their reservations to hear Attorney Bob Burke by Thursday, May 9. ASP members will be contacted by their designated callers. Guests may make their reservations and get answers to their questions by calling Mrs. Eunice Trent, ASP Director, at 405.491.6311.



Your President's Perspective
by
Renda Brumbeloe

#### Our Challenge for the Future

As I sit down to write about our challenge for the future, I just heard the news of Margaret Thatcher's death. The "Iron Lady," as she was known, was the only woman who has served as Prime Minister of Britain. She has been acclaimed as a timely reformer of the British economy, making hard and controversial decisions when they were direly needed. She also worked to preserve peace against terrorism and aggression, and she influenced treaties for a safer world. Prime Minister Thatcher served and lived for the future. As you remember, the Star Wars Treaty had quelled the Cold War with Russia, but terrorism and the Middle East were raging in conflict.

In 1999, my wife and I were fortunate to be included in a weekend seminar luncheon and Q & A with Prime Minister Thatcher in Kansas City. My brother-in-law was in charge of the seminar arrangements. Lucky us! It was a one-time opportunity.

After lunch we were apprised of the Q & A protocol. My hand went up quickly. The first three questioners asked about the domestic balancing of children and family with political affairs. On the fourth question, lucky me, I was recognized. I stood and addressed the Prime Minister by name, introduced myself as an airline pilot from Oklahoma City and said, "My question is, Prime Minister Thatcher, in the future twenty or so years, what do you perceive to be the greatest threat to western civilization and to the United States in particular?"

Mrs. Thatcher replied, "Thank you for that question. In fact, this is my subject for the afternoon address at two o'clock. Let me give you the short terse answer now, and I will flesh it out this afternoon. The United States is facing serious questions about the "rule of law" and constitutional challenges." Then, as if living in the future, she spoke like a prophet for ten minutes, stating four predictions, and concluding,

"Come this afternoon and I will give my full perspective." So far she is being proved "dead right."

Well, this is my challenge for the future as we end another Academy year. Here we are, living on the cutting edge of the future. Life, family, education, worldwide political and economic instability, rule of law and next generation questions are all on the line. We cannot afford to disconnect.

The Academy exists for the future, not because some of us need something to do socially. We are in fact, right now, connected with and staring at challenges for the next generation. We need inspiring social interaction and intervention, giving ourselves to



solving problems, being a positive force, and serving the community and the SNU campus. We are leaving a legacy of trust and faith. It is what it is. Let us make it what it can be.



## This Month's LUNCHEON SPONSOR HOSPICE OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY

#### LUNCHEON SPONSORS

October 8 - Legend of Council Road

November 12 - United Pharmacy in Yukon

December 10 - Southern Plaza

January 14 - Concordia Life Care Community

February 11 - Mercer-Adams Funeral Service

March 11 - Spanish Cove Retirement Village

April 18 - Southern Nazarene University-Peer Learning Network

May 13 - Hospice of Oklahoma County



From The Director's Corner

by

Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

As we come to an end of the 2012-2013 Academy of Senior Professionals year, I wanted to leave with you a couple of ideas on ways to give to Southern Nazarene University SNU). Some have asked about the different ways to give to SNU, so I hope this information is helpful. Please feel free to contact the **Office of University Advancement** with any questions you may have at **405-491-6311**.

#### Levels of Annual Giving

Alumni and friends who annually support *The SNU Fund* play a vitally important role in shaping the future of the SNU educational mission. Through their generous annual gifts, our partners in giving help us develop and maintain programs and facilities, provide opportunities for students and faculty, and strengthen the University for the future. To recognize and encourage the commitment of the donors who give each year (July 1 - June 30), the University has established several giving levels. Each participation level has its own benefits, but membership at most levels includes recognition in the University's Annual Report (unless you wish to remain anonymous).

### The Academy of Senior Professionals at SNU Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund provides an excellent means of honoring an individual The purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide awards for SNU students who have graduated at the 50th percentile or higher. These students must exemplify traits of a stable Christian character and have an established, written set of educational goals.

#### **Memorial and Tribute Gifts**

Any gift to Southern Nazarene University may be given in memory or in tribute to someone whose life you deeply admire. When the University receives a gift in tribute, we immediately notify the honoree. Gift amounts are not disclosed. Please send your

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6729 N.W. 39th Expressway
Bethany, OK 73008

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An individual may wish to designate that his/her memorial or tribute gift be applied to an endowment for SNU. A gift to a permanent endowment at SNU is a gift that perpetually remains. The principal of an endowment gift is invested by SNU and a portion of the earnings is used every year to help fund our charitable mission

The Gresham Leadership Grant is designed to recruit outstanding young leaders to Southern Nazarene University. Nothing could be closer to the hearts of Dr. and Mrs. Gresham or to the mission of the university. The initial target goal for this endowment is \$400,000 – which will make this one of SNU's "top 5" individual scholarships, thereby providing appropriate recognition of the Gresham's dedicated and selfless service to SNU.

Donors may use their credit or debit card by calling the Office of University Advancement at 405-491-6311 or to give a secure donation online, at https://webapps.snu.edu/secure/donations.

#### A place of honor on the campus of Southern Nazarene University

We invite churches, family members, colleagues and boards to partner with Southern Nazarene University in establishing a place of honor to recognize those who have given their lives to full-time Christian service. The names of those honored will be placed in The Hall of Witnesses, located in the S.T. Ludwig Religion building on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. These gifts of honor will support the endowment funding ministerial intern scholarships. Nominations for the 2013 Class of Inductees are now being accepted. Brochures & nomination forms are available online or you can contact the Office of University Advancement at 405.491.6311. The deadline for 2013 nominations is October 1.

#### Stepping Forward by Emmalyn German



Dear ASP members,

May is the last month we will meet for a luncheon until October! Can you believe it is almost time for summer vacation already, and we just had an ice storm this week as I prepare this note to you.?

Our ASP Director, Eunice Trent, has reserved our usual dates for next year on the SNU campus and elsewhere; so, members and guests may get their two -year planners up to date. Following are the dates of our luncheons, which occur on the second Monday of each month, October through May, except for the PLN meeting in April.

October 14, 2013 November 11, 2013 December 9, 2013 January 13, 2014 February 10, 2014 March 10, 2014



April - No Morning Seminar or campus luncheon this month. (Joining PLN downtown) May 12, 2014

We are excited that Jack David has agreed to be our program chair again this next year, and he has some wonderful ideas for speakers. If you have someone you would like him to consider, be sure to let him know.

I am also pleased to announce to you that Renda will be in a key position to further our connections to the community and University. Thank you Renda for helping us in so many ways to become a better Academy for Senior Professionals.

If you have an idea or suggestion I would love to hear from you.

Emmalyn German, Past President/President Elect, Academy of Senior Professionals at SNU 405-470-6737 (home) or 405-517-3364 (cell).

Remember that May is the month we will be electing new officers, so come prepared to vote.



Isaiah 41:10 is my life verse that closes every email I send. It always seems appropriate, and I want to share it with you today. "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." NLT



Morning Seminar
With
Helen Southerland

MORNING SEMINAR May 13, 2013 at 9:30-10:30 am Webster Commons, 2nd floor President's Dining Room



#### STAYING FIT FOR LIFE!

Cathy L. Patterson, MS

Cathy is one of the exercise physiologists and the fitness program manager for INTEGRIS PACER Fitness Center. She has worked for INTEGRIS for 25 years. She received her master's degree in Health Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is certified through the American College of Sports Medicine and has been involved in fitness for over 30 years. She is a frequent lecturer and educator for INTEGRIS Health on special fitness topics including senior adult fitness, disease management (diabetes, transplants etc.), women's issues, and a variety of other special populations.

Find out what exercise is right for you by joining us at the morning seminar. This "Staying fit for Life" seminar is another example of lifelong learning that benefits our ASP members and guests who value these small group seminars.

## ASP "Trek" Time Pat Perry

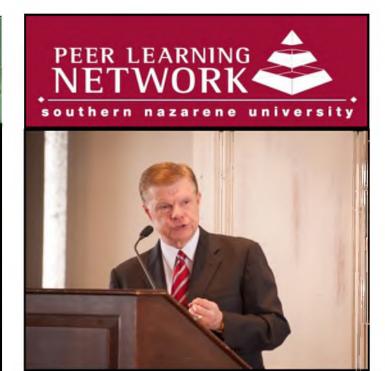


Dear ASP Members,

We have had some fun trips this year, and hope to have some interesting day trips next year also. Feel free to contact me with some ideas. There is still room on the Panama Canal cruise or the British Isles trip if you would like to join us. Have a great summer.

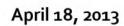
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Speaker Dr. Stan Toler





ASP members visit together before lunch at the Petroleum Club



Willie Burkhart getting her book signed.









"Sharing a Continuous Flight"

#### 2012-2013 Officers and Committees

#### **Officers**

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## MAY ASP LUNCHEON ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

RSVP Invites you to Celebrate
National Senior Corps Week
May 10, 2013, 2-4pm
Bring a Friend to Our Open House
at the RSVP Office, 7401 NE 23rd St.



http://www.rsvpokc.org/



#### **ASP Calendar**

Monday May 13, 2013

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons

9:30 a.m. Morning Seminar

11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage

1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle will return to parking lot 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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